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December 2023 Club Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday December 12, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. This is the Club Christmas dinner and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. There will be a short meeting after. Doors open at 6:00 PM.





From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Club Officer and Board member elections are upon us. Current members who are interested in serving are: President Bambi KI6YQL, Vice President Lucian KF6NPG, Secretary Walter KI6PBL, Treasurer Mike KG6VFL, Sergeant at Arms Jerry, KN6GJK, Members at Large, Lynn KM6DKF and John N6JCS. Several of these members have served multiple terms and would be glad to see other members step up and take a turn. If you are interested in serving as a club officer, please contact Walter KI6PBL or Spencer KJ6ART. The vote for the officers will be taken at the December meeting.

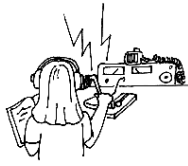
The annual club Christmas dinner is the next club meeting December 12, 2023. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, short meeting to follow for the election of officers. The entrée is chicken piccata, penne pasta topped with parmesan and parsley, salad with fruit and nuts with homemade dressing, and assorted breads and butter. Dessert is gingerbread topped with whipped cream. The cost is \$40.00 per person and was due to the treasurer no later than November 28, 2023.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net.

Reminder that you can renew your membership or join TARC for 2024. Dues and membership information is located on the last page of the ARC-Over.

Club members participated in 2 events, The Turkey Trot in November, and the Turlock Christmas Parade this past week. Look for pictures of club members in action.

We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to Lucian KF6NPG at kf6npg@aol.com.



PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

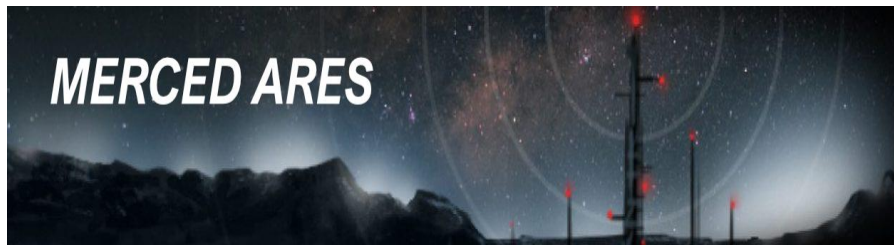
Merry Christmas to all! As we put the final month into 2023, we were able to use our radio skills to serve our local community. First, in November the “Turkey Trot”-a really fun event- which has grown this year with COVID “in the rear view mirror”.

Second, the Turlock Christmas Parade set up, which is always and was again this year a happy event. These may be fun events, but moreover they are great training opportunities, and which learned skills would be invaluable for a more serious function or calamity. We need to practice to be able to function in a crisis.

May the Spirit of the Season bless you and your family.

President Bambi KI6KQL





Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at w6abj@arrl.net.



Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club
November 14, 2023 @ 7PM
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 17 members and guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report:

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made by Jeffrey Breazeale (KN6TFK) and seconded by Ed Darrah (K7ERD) and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$2,911.58 and CD \$5,033.60 . Paid \$56.37 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion. . Collected \$25.56 in Dues with 86 dues paid members.

Membership Chairman's Report:

John Sims (N6JCS) N/A

Repeater Chairman's Report:

Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) nothing to report this month.

Arc-Over Publisher's Report:

Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG) due date of 20th of each month, with some limited flexibility.

Vice President's Report:

doing program

Merced ARES Report:

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported that Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG) went over the California Shakeout proceeding with Ken Stillwell covering the winlink portion.

VEC Report:

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported there would be 5 test sessions in 2024, Feb 13, April 9, June 11, August 13, and October 8.

Old Business: Elections and current nominations/slate of officers covered. Turkey Trot coverage for Saturday Nov 18th and Christmas Parade coverage, reporting time 4:00pm.

Christmas dinner menu and requirement to have payment in prior.

New Business:

Ed Darrah (K7ERD) mentioned the donation/photo. Brief mention of the concept of having a regular Historian for club.

An election committee comprised of Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) established for the upcoming annual club officer election. Anyone wanting to either put their name in the hat or nominate are encouraged to reach out to either of these fine gentlemen.

It was announced that in December the annual Christmas Dinner/club meeting would occur at the Salvation Army facility December 12th starting at 6:30 pm. The only business to be conducted that evening will be the election of officers and dessert.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm. Motion by Richard Larson (W6ABJ), Second by Jeffrey Breazeale (KN6TFK) Motion carried.

Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) Secretary

Following the meeting there was a presentation by Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG) on the California Shakeout.



TARC once again helped by providing communications for the annual Turkey Trot fun run in Turlock. Although there was rain off and on during the event, it went without issue. I'd like to thank all our volunteers that came out and helped.
Spencer - KJ6ART

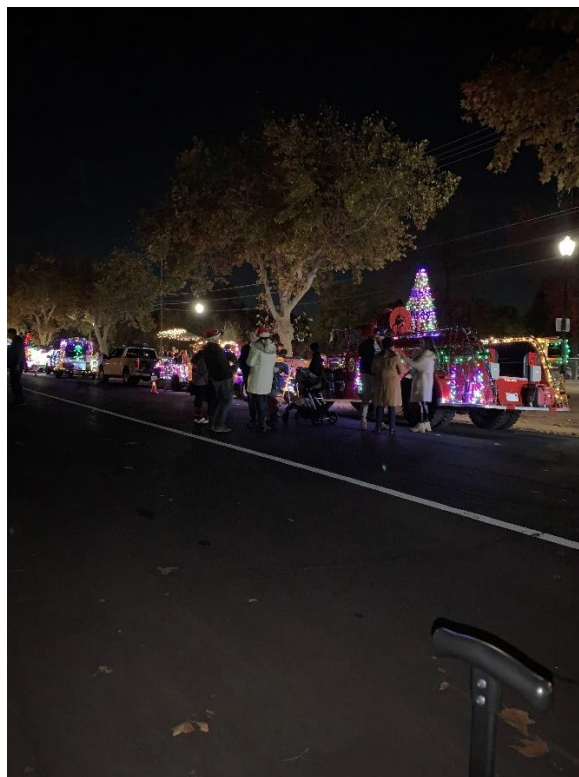


Turkey Trot

Spencer KJ6ART also wanted to thank all the club members who helped make the 2024 Turlock Christmas Parade a success.



John N6JCS and Jerry KN6GJK



Parade Staging with Walter KI6PBL and Bambi KI6YQL



Chris N6BRO



Mike KG6VFL



Lynn KM6DKF



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The Parade Crew

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Going Event

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

Amateur Radio License test sessions for 2024. There will be 5 scheduled test sessions:

Testing takes place at 6:00pm (one hour before club meetings)

February 13, 2024

April 9, 2024

June 11, 2024

August 13, 2024

October 8, 2024

December

Club meeting and Christmas dinner Tuesday December 12, 2023 starts at 6:30pm for dinner and short meeting to follow. Election of club officers and board members will take place at this meeting.

January

Club meeting Tuesday January 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Merced ARES meeting Wednesday January 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm

February

TARC Auction Saturday February 10, 2024, at 9:00 am (refer to attached flyer).

Club meeting Tuesday February 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm. There will be an amateur radio license test session at 6:00 pm.

Merced ARES meeting Wednesday February 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

March

Club meeting Tuesday March 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Merced ARES meeting Wednesday March 20, 2024, at 6:00pm.



TURLOCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SPRING 2024 AUCTION

Saturday February 10, 2024, Doors open at 8:00 am and auction starts at 9:00 am

Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380

The estates of Grady and Mike will be a part of the auction. If you are interested in selling items at the auction, please contact Spencer KJ6ART at kj6art@arrl.net or Richard W6ABJ at w6abj@arrl.net

Lunch provided by the Turlock Salvation Army at no cost. Donations are appreciated.

Please check the Turlock Amateur Radio Club website for updates at www.w6bxn.org. Click on the auction tab. There are some pictures of equipment that is for sale on the web site, more to be posted as they come in. If you are interested in selling an item, please contact Spencer KJ6ART to have a picture posted on the website. Details for selling an item is posted on the web site.

TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

2024 Dues

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2024. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

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